

**Electric Utilities Task Group**  
**Monday, May 14, 2012**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road**  
**10:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Everett Shorey, Barbara MacMullan, John Warfel. Also present in the audience were representatives of the Block Island Times, Michael Hickey, Cliff McGinnes, Dave Milner, Howell Conant, Town Manager Nancy Dodge, Elliot Taubman and Chris Warfel. Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

**Not Present:** Bill Penn

Meeting was called to order at 10:40 p.m.

**1. Public Input:** Elliot Taubman mentioned the RI Bar Association Energy and Environment forum to be held on Block Island on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**2. Approval of minutes of April 23, 2012.**

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by John Warfel and seconded by Everett Shorey.

Ayes 3 (MacMullan, Shorey, Warfel) Nays 0 Absent 1 (Penn)

**3. Deepwater Update**

Bryan Wilson was not present to update the task group.

**4. Deepwater Wind Decommissioning Costs**

Michael Hickey circulated a handout. (See attached). He summarized the handout by saying that the Town should be proactive in developing decommissioning costs. The task group agreed to begin to investigate what the costs were and what agency would be the responsibility to ensure that the money is allocated and there when needed. Then the task group could make a recommendation to the Town.

**5. Discussion of street lighting costs and ownership.**

It was determined through discussion that there were approximately 73 street lights to which BIPCO claims ownership. According to Cliff McGinnes and Nancy Dodge, it costs the Town \$13,000 a year to run the lights. Cliff McGinnes was asked if he would sell the lights to the Town. Hal Conant spoke against Town ownership because of repair/maintenance issues. John Warfel will get more information about upgrading the street lights for the next meeting.

**6. Electricity Costs Summary**

The Block Island Electricity Costs Analysis May 2012 was approved after discussion and will be forwarded to the Council in a motion by Barbara MacMullan and seconded by John Warfel. (See attached).

Ayes 3 (MacMullan, Warfel, Shorey) Nays 0 Absent 1 (Penn)

At 11:50 a motion to adjourn was made by Everett Shorey and seconded by Barbara MacMullan and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted: 7/23/2012

Bonny Ryan